

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

10:30 A.M.

Room 519 House Office Building

Chairman Bieda called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Palmer. (1/17)

Representative Meltzer moved to adopt the minutes from the May 1 and May 2, 2007 meetings. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

Representative Meltzer moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Chairman Bieda laid **HB 4433, HB 4434, HB 4435, HB 4436** and **HB 4437** before the committee.

HB 4433	Bieda	Property tax; tax tribunal; certification of mediators and mediation process; provide for.
HB 4434	Young	Property tax; tax tribunal; issuance of proposed decisions and determination of fees; provide for.
HB 4435	Sheen	Property tax; tax tribunal; restriction on number of members from same occupation; remove.
HB 4436	Melton	Property tax; tax tribunal; small claims hearings; modify.
HB 4437	Calley	Property tax; tax tribunal; requirement for evening hearing in the small claims division if requested; repeal.

Rachel Asbury, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified before the committee in support of the package of bills.

Al Pohl, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified before the committee in support of the package of bills.

Patti Halm, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified before the committee in support of the package of bills.

Edward Kisscorni, representing himself, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4436**.

Doug Merriam, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, testified before the committee with a neutral position on the package of bills.

Marilyn Plummer, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in support of the package of bills but did not wish to speak.

The committee went at ease, the time being 11:03 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Representative Condino moved to adopt the **(H-1) substitute** to **HB 4433**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Condino moved to report **HB 4433** as an **(H-1) substitute** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Young moved to adopt the **(H-1) substitute** to **HB 4434**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Farrah moved to report **HB 4434** as an **(H-1) substitute** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Mayes moved to report **HB 4435** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Farrah moved to report **HB 4436** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Condino moved to report **HB 4437** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:15 a.m.

Representative Steve Bieda, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070